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In re application of Paul A. Horgen, Rebecca A. Guy
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(Atty. Docket No. P27452-A USA)

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**Reply to Examiner's Requirement for
Restriction, as Set Forth in the Action dated December 28, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Requirement for Restriction, as set forth in the Action dated December 28, 2005, applicants elect hereby to prosecute the claims of Group II, that is, Claims 5 to 10. In addition, applicants elect SEQ ID NOS: 1 to 6, which correspond to the pathogen *E. coli*. Applicants confirm their right to file divisional applications which include the non-elected claims and SEQ ID NOS.

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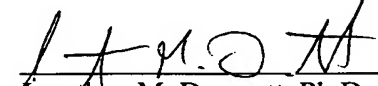
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A favorable action on the merits is requested respectfully.

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